

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 11, 2006, was received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants amended claims 1, 2, 10-13, 21, and 22 above. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter was introduced by these amendments. Additionally, Applicants canceled claims 5, 6, and 9 as indicated above.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments to the claims fully address the Examiner's objections and rejections in the December 11, 2006, Office Action. As now recited, claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-13, 21, and 22 are currently pending and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

A. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-13, 21, and 22 due to an informality with regard to the phrase "said tamper evident band." Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration and careful review of the claims. As indicated in the above listing of claims, Applicants amended claims 1, 2, 11-13, 21, and 22 above to recite the phrase "at least one" as the Examiner suggested. As such, in view of the amendments above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections.

B. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 5, 6, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. As indicated in the above listing of claims, Applicants canceled claims 5, 6, and 9 since the limitations are now included in independent claim 1. In view of the amendments above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

C. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims fully address the Examiner's objections and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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